briefed or the stand to be taken of the terms of reference and modalities for holding such a meeting including nuclear non-proliferation; and

(d) if so, on what lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) India has always been concerned over the threat posed to international peace and security by the proliferation of nuclear weapons. This has now assumed a qualitatively new dimension with the possible loss of control over some nuclear arsenals and the possibility of uncontrolled spread of ready-made unclear weapons across the globe by a variety of means and methods. India firmly believes that the issue of nuclear weapon proliferation can be effectively dealt with only through a global approach and in the framework of a universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory regime linked to the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons. India is prepared to talk bilaterally with the USA and other friendly countries on all aspects of non-proliferation, but given the practical situation and ground realities, we believe that the matter cannot be dealt with a meeting of 5 States. In Washington, the Foreign Secretary reiterated India's stand on nuclear non-proliferation on above lines.

3254. (*Withdrawn*)

Government's stand on Pakistan demand for talks on Kashmir Issue

3255. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed its stand on the repeated demand of Pakistan for talks on the Kashmir issue in the context of continued active Pak-support to militants in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab; and

(b) if so, what is Government's revised stand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) India remains committed to resolving all issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral negotiations in accordance with the Simla Agreement. In order, however, to ensure meaningful discussions, especially on the more complex bilateral issues, Pakistan must abandon —its negative poicy towards India and stop its support to terrorism. This would held in the generation of trust and confidence and create a climate conducive purposeful dialogue.

Bilateral talks with Mauritius

3256. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Mauritius held discussion with his counterpart thereon several issues;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held;

(c) the outcome of the talks held; and

(d) whether the relation with the Mauritius has been strengthened and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Prime Minister visited Mauritius at the special invitation of the Prime Minister of Mauritius, as "Chief Guest" for the celebrations marking the accession of Mauritius to the status of a Republic, which also coincided with its 24th independence Anniversary.

Prime Minister's discussion with Sir Anerood Jugnauth Prime Minister of Mauritius, covered bilateral relations, regional and international issues.

The visit resulted in reaffirmation and consolidation of the existing close ties between the two countries.

Participation in N.P.T. Conference

3257. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to participate in five nation conference on N.P.T.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Influx from Burma to Bangladesh

3258. SHRI RAJMOHAN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the influx from Burma to Bangladesh; and

(b) whether the Government of Bangladesh has approached the Government of India for any assistance in connection with the influx?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir, Government are aware that there has been an influx of a very large number of people from Myanmar into Bangladesh recently.

(b) No, Sir. Government of Bangladesh have not approached Government of India for any assistance in connection with the influx. However, we have expressed concern over this influx and sympathised with Bangladesh for the difficulties it has been facing as a result of the influx. Further, Government have expreased support for the Bangladesh Government's attempts to find a peaceful solution to the problem.

U. S. Offer on Nuclear Free South Asia

3259. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States of America have recommended for the five power talks for nuclear free South Asia;

(b) if so, what is Government's stand thereon; and

(c) what are the names of the countries proposed to be invited for talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's stand is that a 5-Power Conference cannot take place in a vaccuum and that India's security concerns must be first fully taken into account.

(c) When the proposal was first made, the five countries to be invited were the US, Soviet Union, China, India and Pakistan.

Complaint to United Nations against Pakistan's Anti-India Propaganda

3260. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: